

# VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND



Louisville Oxford House for Veterans



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Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund  
2013 Annual Report

The Veterans Program Trust Fund was established as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988 under Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 40.460. This report provides a list of the present members of the Board of Directors.

During this reporting period, the Trust Fund expended/obligated funds for 24 worthy projects that will benefit Kentucky's veteran population. This report outlines the details concerning each of the Trust Fund expenditures for FY 2013.

Funding sources include dollars generated by taxpayers who are entitled to an income tax refund who may contribute all or a portion of that refund to the Trust Fund through the tax check-off on their state income tax form. The Trust Fund also receives a \$5.00 fee that is included in the price of an initial or renewal Veterans License Plate. The Trust Fund gladly accepts tax-deductible contributions from individuals, groups or corporations. This report outlines the amounts received from each of these sources.

The Trust Fund began the year with a balance of **\$523,129.33**

Expenditures during the year totaled **\$488,611.14**. The fiscal year ended with a fund balance, less obligations, of **\$478,262.94** as shown in the financial report on page 6. Details concerning the projects are included in the use of funds section beginning on page 5.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Lucas".

Kenneth R. Lucas Commissioner, KDVA  
Chairman, Ky Veterans Program Trust Fund

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# Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

## *History and Operation*

The Kentucky General Assembly established the Veterans Program Trust Fund (VPTF) as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988. The purpose of the VPTF is to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans but that are not funded by the state General Fund.

The VPTF is overseen by a Board of Directors whose members are appointed by the Governor. The list of members with their affiliations is on page 5. The VPTF Board of Directors meets several times a year on an *ad-hoc* basis as it receives requests for funding.

The VPTF has received a steady, moderate income from a \$5.00 fee that is included in the initial purchase price and renewal of Veterans License Plates.

The VPTF is also a legal recipient of tax-deductible contributions from individuals, companies and organizations. Such contributions may be made through the VPTF check-off box on the Kentucky Income Tax form, or directly to the VPTF through personal checks to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. The Help a Veteran Everyday (H.A.V. E.) Program encourages citizens to contribute directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund at any county clerk office. In Fiscal Year 2010, KDVA started hosting an on-line donation page for the VPTF, allowing individuals to make secure donations by credit card or bank withdrawal.

Kentucky's Veterans Service Organizations have contributed generously to the VPTF since its creation and continue to do so.

Donors may also specify that their contribution go to one of several specific programs/facilities KDVA operates for the benefit of veterans:

- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund
- Women Veterans Programs
- Benefits/Field Operations
- Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (Wilmore)
- Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (Hazard)
- Western Kentucky Veterans Center (Hanson)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Fort Knox)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East (Greenup)

# **Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund**

## **Highlights for FY 2013 (7/1/12 - 6/30/13)**

As of July 1, 2012, the beginning of the fiscal year, the Trust Fund had **\$523,129.33**. Since that date the Trust Fund board members approved the following expenditures:

- 1. Create a dedicated housing stipend program at Kentucky Housing Corporation to help surviving spouses make mortgage and rent payments while awaiting benefits. - \$30,000**
- 2. Hire a statewide Veterans Court Mentor Coordinator for the Veterans Court Mentor program to help veterans in the court system - \$87,000**
- 3. Support the Homeless Veterans Program - \$70,000**
- 4. Equip the Veterans Resource Center and operate the Student Veterans Organization at Morehead State University - \$25,000**
- 5. Restore the sole remaining WWII barracks at Fort Knox - \$25,000**
- 6. Support the Burial Honors Program - \$35,000**
- 7. Open five Oxford Houses for veterans in Kentucky - \$25,000**
- 8. Expand outreach to Kentucky's women veterans - \$12,000**
- 9. Support the Indigent Veterans Burial Fund - \$30,000.**

**Find more items beginning on Page 11.**

**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Veterans Program Trust Fund - State Funds 6307 and 6308**  
**Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2013 (July 2012 - June 2013)**  
**Period Ending June 2013**

<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of FY13</b>	<b>FY 2013 YTD</b>
<b>Carryforward</b>	<b>\$ 523,129.33</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
License Plate Fees (R404)	387,540.68
Tax Check-off (R809)	41,856.00
HAVE Donations - checks sent to F'fort (R802)	1,009.43
Miscellaneous Donations (R801 & R802)	12,544.03
Interest Income (R771)	794.61
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>443,744.75</b>
<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 966,874.08</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
COT - Division of Printing	2,331.22
Student Veterans Alliance - WVP	350.00
Appalachian Mountain Crafts	340.00
Robin Jones - WVP	1,558.67
Homeless Veterans Trust Fund	140,000.00
Auditor of Public Accounts - FY 12 Audit	5,472.00
Post Printing - 10,000 KDVA booklets	3,676.00
Magoffin County Fiscal Court - DAV Van	12,500.00
Univ of Louisville - Combat Paper Project	10,000.00
Admin Office of Courts - Veteran Mentor Coordinator	86,500.00
Morehead State Univ - Veterans Resource Center	25,000.00
American Legion Post 73 - Van and Bus	35,000.00
Sons of Confederate Veterans- Survey of Burial Grounds	1,000.00
Bell Hospital Systems, Inc. - 15 - 15" Televisions for EKVC	9,671.00
Scheller's Fitness & Cycling - NuStep Tr for PT	4,000.00
Jaba, Ltd.- eVET Assist Annual Maintenance Fee	2,645.59
Displays 2 Go ( 2 Tables with skirts for WVP)	480.54
Morehead State Univ - Veterans Expo in Ashland	10,000.00
Veterans of Foreign Wars - National Convention	10,000.00
The Patton Museum Foundation - Restore WWII Barracks	25,000.00
Muldoon Memorials -War of 1812 Ohio Historical Marker	5,608.00
John L. Vanover (Refund)	5.00
Highland Post 201 Meeting Hall rental - WVP	100.00
Alan Hyman Enterprises (Lanyards, Magnets & Banners)	2,021.00
Rowan County Veterans Foundation	10,000.00
City of Ryland Heights - Veterans Memorial	750.00
Veterans Burial Honors Program	35,000.00
Bobbie Frazier (Catering for WVP)	448.00
Becky Brown (Catering for WVP)	75.00
Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen	8,500.00
Carter Equipment Company - WKVC Kawasaki Mule	10,579.12
Interlink Counseling Services, Inc.	30,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b>	<b>\$ 488,611.14</b>
<b>Fund Balance (Cash on Hand)</b>	<b>\$ 478,262.94</b>

## State Veterans Cemeteries Fund (637R)

Fund Balance, Beginning of FY13	FY 2013 YTD
<b>Carryforward</b>	\$ 63,438.74
Additional Donations	27,681.91
Other Adjustments	5,247.74
Interest	112.02
<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	96,480.41
Expenditures	\$ 20,910.95
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$ 75,569.46



## HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM

In April 2013, KDVA celebrated the seventh anniversary of its Homeless Veterans Transition Facility at the Leestown Campus of the Lexington VA Medical Center, created in partnership with Volunteers of America.



As of June 30, 2013, the Leestown program had graduated 195 (22 in FY13) veterans who were homeless and with drug problems, helping them become drug and alcohol free, and obtain stable housing and steady employment. FY 2013 offered continued success as 121 veterans received services at the 40 bed capacity. In October 2012, St. James Place apartments in Lexington celebrated the sixth year of operation with all 38 efficiency apartment units for homeless veterans fully occupied. These units receive support from the USDVA Homeless Veterans Grant & Per Diem Program. Because each unit is complete with kitchen and private bath, males and females will use this facility. Lexington also served 30 male veterans at the Hope Center facility which is part of a larger program for the homeless. In addition, the Hope Center added five beds for female veterans on their women's campus.

Interlink Counseling Services of Louisville also serves the needs of homeless veterans, filling virtually every bed of the 90-bed mission. Interlink also operates the Landing Zone, allowing up to ten homeless veterans to be taken off the street without waiting if an emergency (extreme weather, for example) warrants this.

St. Vincent DePaul in Louisville provides 20 beds as part of a grant and per diem program. Wayside Christian Mission provides transitional housing for up to 10 men, four women, and two families. These family units, unique in the Commonwealth, allow the veteran to bring a spouse and children into the unit. The Salvation Army continues to transitionally house 27 male veterans at Center for Hope, formerly Male High School building on Brooks Street in Louisville.



*Homeless Veterans Transition Program graduate David Holland, with his Bachelor's Degree from WKU.*

In addition to room and board, all of these facilities offer the following:

- Drug and alcohol abuse counseling
- Education referrals
- Employment and job training referrals
- Assistance with permanent housing.

In 2012, the Pennyroyal Center in Hopkinsville opened a new, 50-bed facility for homeless veterans (male), the first of its kind in western Kentucky. The Trust Fund provided a substantial grant to guarantee the success of the Center, made to supplement the primary funding coming from the USDVA grant and per diem program.

Information and referral programs for homeless veterans are called "stand downs." During this fiscal year four stand downs were held. These were held state-wide in the cities of Bowling Green, Covington, Lexington, and Louisville. With Trust Fund grants to the Homeless Veterans Program, and the coordination of efforts by KDVA, USDVA hospitals, the Kentucky Housing Corporation, and other social and health service providers, these stand downs will help alleviate the already 800-1200 homeless veterans sleeping on the streets of our Commonwealth every night.

Some 10,000 veterans face the very real possibility of losing homes and becoming homeless. These programs are critical in solving the problem.



## HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND

The Homeless Veterans Trust Fund (HVTF) seeks to prevent homelessness among veterans and help homeless veterans return to permanent housing quickly. It provides small, one-time cash grants for rent deposits, utility payments and other housing-related expenses.

The HVTF represents a beacon of hope to veterans who otherwise would slip into or remain in a state of homelessness.

## FY 13 Milestones

Total Assistance Granted: **95,418.56**

Veterans Assisted: **377**

Family Members Assisted: **56**

Average Amt of Assistance: **\$253**



*Homeless Veterans Transition Program  
2007 graduate Bobby Downs.*

### Homeless Veterans Trust Fund Fiscal Year 2013

<b>Beginning Balance 7/1/2012</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,178.14</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations	\$	4,993.57
Veterans Program Trust Fund	\$	140,000.00
Interest	\$	59.52
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>145,053.09</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Total Assistance Granted	\$	104,885.18
<b>Year End Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>53,346.05</b>

## Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Program Trust Fund Board Members (as of June 30, 2012)

POSITION	NAME	Organization	Term Expires
Chairman	Kenneth R. Lucas	Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs	201 KAR 37:010 Section 3 (1)(a)
Vice Chair	Margaret Plattner	Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs	201 KAR 37:010 Section 3 (1)(a)
Member	Mr. Carlos Pugh	Joint Executive Committee of Veterans Organizations	EO 2011 – 676 07/15/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Ms. Micki King	Governor's Advisory Board	EO 2011 – 676 07/15/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Mr. Ted Austin	American Legion	EO 2010 - 618 8/16/2010 – 07/15/2013
Member	Mr. Don Dixon	Veterans of Foreign Wars	EO 2011 – 676 07/15/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Ms. Lori Grizzle	AMVETS	EO 2010 – 618 7/16/2010 – 07/15/2013
Member	Mr. Bobby Hazen	Disabled American Veterans	EO 2010 – 618 7/16/2010 – 07/15/2013
Member	Ms. Julie S. Norman	At-Large	EO 2011 – 676 07/15/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Mr. Anthony Dotson	At-Large	EO 2011 – 676 08/25/2011—7/15/2014
Member	Ms. Pam Luce	At-Large	EO 2010 – 618 7/16/2010 – 07/15/2013

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors September 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

1. Request from Robert Meacham for **\$1,000** to conduct a GPR survey of the Confederate Soldiers' Burial Ground in Hopkinsville. Approved.
2. Request from Animals Healing People/Roger Biesel for **\$10,000** to pay publicity expenses for public debut. No action.
3. Request from the University of Louisville for **\$10,000** to bring the Combat Paper Project to Louisville. Approved.
4. Request from Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers for **\$10,000** to purchase 12 15-inch flat-screen televisions for patient rooms at Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center. Approved.
5. Request from Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers for **\$4,000** to purchase NUSTEP TR for physical therapy at EKVC. Approved.
6. Request from American Legion 73 for **\$25,000** to purchase a van to transport veterans to VAMC Nashville. Approved \$35,000 to expand service to medical appointments.
7. Request from Administrative Office of the Courts for **\$86,499** to hire a statewide Veterans Mentor Coordinator for the Veterans Mentor program to help veterans in the court system. Approved.
8. Request from Morehead University for **\$42,100** to equip the Veterans Resource Center and operate the Student Veterans Organizations. Approved **\$25,000**.
9. Request from Magoffin County Court for **\$50,000** to purchase a van for the DAV to transport veterans to and from medical appointments. Approved **\$12,500**.
10. Request from the Homeless Veterans Program Trust Fund for **\$70,000** to replenish the Homeless Veterans Trust Fund. Approved.

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors December 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

1. Request from Patton Museum Foundation for **\$25,000** to help restore sole remaining WWII barracks at Fort Knox. Approved.
2. Request from KY Division of Behavioral Health **\$25,000** to open five Oxford Houses for veterans in Kentucky. Approved.
3. Request from Morehead State University for **\$20,000** to sponsor an Eastern Kentucky Veterans Expo. Approved \$10,000 match.
4. Request from Kentucky Women Veterans Coordinator for **\$12,000** to continue outreach in the Women Veterans Program. Approved.
5. Request from VFW for financial assistance of the VFW National Convention in Louisville, . Approved **\$1,000**.
6. Request from John Trowbridge for **\$3,158** to install historical marker to recognize Kentucky veterans at the site of the Battle of Dudley's Defeat in Perrysburg, OH. Approved.

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors**

### **June 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

1. Request from KDVA for **\$35,000** for the Burial Honors Program. Approved.
2. Request from the City of Ryland Heights for **\$750** to help with veterans memorial. Approved.
3. Request from the KY National Guard for **\$75,000** to help combat veterans in the University of Louisville Behavioral Health Program. Tabled.
4. Request from the Ron Spriggs Exhibit of Tuskegee Airmen for **\$8,500** to create busts of two Kentuckians who were Tuskegee Airmen. Approved.
5. Request from Kentucky Housing Corporation for DVA for **\$30,000** for a housing loan program to help surviving spouses of veterans. Approved.
6. Request from THVC for **\$22,333.19** to purchase Vital Signs Monitors. Approved.
7. Request from WKVC for **\$10,580** to purchase Kawasaki Trans Mule 4x4 to transport residents around the facility. Approved.
8. Request from Kentucky Indigent Veterans Burial Program for **\$30,000** to cover program budget shortfall. Approved.
9. Request from Interlink Counseling Services for **\$30,000** to help with funding shortfall. Approved.



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